GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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TOURIST COURTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists attacked/killed during the last two years and the current year, State − wise;

(b) whether such incidents have adversely affected the flow of tourists;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is proposed to set up tourist courts to dispose of tourist − related issues at the earlier ; and

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Safety and security is a State subject and data in this regard is not complied by the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. In this year 2006 the country received 4429915(P) Foreign Tourists as compared to 3918610 in 2005 i.e., an increase of 13%.

(d) & (e): To ensure the safety & security of foreign tourists the Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist destinations.

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi etc., have deployed Tourist Police force on one from or another.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.